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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - TURKISH REJECTION OF MODERN AIR

CLEARANCE REQUEST

REF: BERLIN 1073

1. MODERN AIR TRANSPORT'S (MAT) VICE PRESIDENT MARKETING, HEINZ MATHUS, TELEPHONED ON JUNE 25 TO INFORM US THAT MAT'S APPLICATION FOR 20 ADDITIONAL TURKISH MIGRANT WORKER FLIGHTS BETWEEN TEGEL AND ISTANBUL WAS REJECTED BY CIVAIR ANKARA ON JUNE 18 WITHOUT EXPLANATION. MAT REFILED THE APPLICATION ON JUNE 25 AND HAS REQUESTED USG SUPPORT VIS-A-VIS TURKISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES.

2. MAT HAD FILED APPLICATION FOR CLEARANCE OF 20

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ADDITIONAL ROUND TRIP FLIGHTS BETWEEN TEGEL AND ISTAN-

BUL WITH ALLIED CAAS JUNE 13 AND RECEIVED TRIPARTITE CLEARANCE ON JUNE 21. THE FLIGHTS WERE TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN JUNE 28 AND SEPTEMBER 28 CARRYING MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS ON HOLIDAY TRAVEL TO TURKEY. ACCORDING TO MAT, THE FIRST FLIGHT IN THE SERIES SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28 IS SOLD OUT (149 ADULTS AND 20 BABIES). MATHUS ADDED THAT ANKARA'S TELEX REJECTING MAT'S APPLICATION MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THY AND ALLIED CARRIERS RE TURKISH WORKER FLIGHTS.

3. FONOFF OFFICIAL KRONECK TOLD US TODAY (JUNE 26) THAT HE HAD CALLED IN TURKISH EMBOFF RE THY'S PLANS TO FLY 26 ROUND TRIP FLIGHTS TO SCHOENEFELD BETWEEN JUNE 30 AND OCT 26. TURKISH EMBOFF RESPONDED ALONG LINES PARA 2 AND 3 REFTL, ADDING THAT THY WANTED A BETTER SHARE OF THE TURKISH-BERLIN MARKET. KRONECK SAID FONOFF WAS DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS TO FRG EMBASSY ANKARA RE POSSIBLE DEMARCHE WITH GOT BUT BELIEVED THAT EITHER US OR UK SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE SINCE INTERESTS OF ALLIED CARRIERS INVOLVED. UK CAA SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM BRITISH NON-SCHEDS ON PROBLEM; THEREFORE, UK EMBASSY WILLING TO SUPPORT FRG DEMARCHE IN ANKARA ON POLITICAL GROUNDS BUT WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT HMG MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE LONGER TERM RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM PROBABLY INVOLVES ALLIED RESPONSE TO TURKISH INTEREST IN WEST BERLIN LANDING RIGHTS, WE BELIEVE INQUIRY BY AMEMBASSY ANKARA IN SUPPORT OF MAT'S APPLICATION WARRANTED--PARTICULARLY WHERE JUNE 28 FLIGHT CONCERNED. EMBASSY ANKARA MAY WISH TO TOUCH BASE WITH FRG AND UK EMBASSIES BEFORE CONTACTING GOT OFFICIALS.
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